GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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FUNDS ALLOCATION FOR ANNAPURNA SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated for implementation of Annapurna Scheme so far, State-wise;

(b) whether requests have been received from certain States to enhance the funds as well as foodgrains under the scheme;

(c) if so, whether the States have also requested the Union Government to meet the transport charges for lifting and distribution of foodgrains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government to both the issues?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) The details of the state-wise funds allocated for implementation of Annapurna Scheme during the year 2000-01 and 2001-02 is given in the Annexure. After the transfer of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and Annapurna Scheme to the State Plan with effect from 2002-03, scheme wise allocation is not made by this Ministry. The total allocation for the transferred schemes is decided by the Planning Commission. The funds are being released by the Ministry of Finance as Additional Central Assistance (ACA) to the States in accordance with the allocation made by the Planning Commission to States to augment their efforts in this regard. The ACA is a combined allocation for the implementation of NSAP and Annapurna Scheme. The States have requisite flexibility in the choice and implementation of the Schemes. The Ministry of Rural Development has no Budget provision for the transferred Schemes.

(b) State Government of Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh have requested the Department of Food & Public Distribution for enhancement of their respective allocation of foodgrains under the scheme.

(c) No such request has been received from any of the State Governments.

(d) The Department of Food & Public Distribution has reported that the State Government of Rajashtan, Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh have requested to enhance their annual allocation from 12,635.16 MT to 24,758.16 MT, 6593.00 MT to 24,000.00 MT and 11,184.00 MT to 24000.00 MT respectively. The letter received from the Department of Food & Public Distribution in this regard has been forwarded to the Planning Commission as the total combined allocation for the transferred schemes is done by the Planning Commission. Also an amendment in the Guidelines Regarding Transferred Schemes Captioned National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) & Annapurna Scheme to the States/UTs has been proposed to the Planning Commisson.